

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, twelve (12) claims are amended, one (1) claim is cancelled, six (6) claims are withdrawn and six (6) claims are added. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter has been added and no change in inventorship is believed to result from the amendments proposed herein. No fees for claims are believed payable.

Support for amended claim 1 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 22, lines 19-25 and page 46 lines 3-6.

Support for amended claim 5 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 25, lines 3-5.

Support for amended claim 6 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 25, lines 3-5.

Support for amended claim 7 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 12, lines 20-21.

Support for amended claim 8 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 12, lines 1-3.

Support for amended claim 9 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 12, lines 1-3.

Support for amended claim 13 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 8, lines 9 – 11 and page 24, lines 15-17.

Support for new claim 21 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 8, lines 9-14.

Support for new claim 22 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 10, lines 1-5.

Support for new claim 23 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 10, lines 1-5.

Support for new claim 24 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 8, lines 1-6.

Support for new claim 25 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 45, line 14 – page 46, line 3.

Support for new claim 26 can be found in the specification as filed for example at page 45, line 14 – page 46, line 3.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Applicants respectfully elect group II without traverse and elect a protein fragment or peptide derived from GAD as the species to be examined. Applicants respectfully point out that linking claim 1 should form part of group II and should be examined with the elected invention. MPEP 809. Applicant requests that upon allowance of linking claim 1, restriction as to all linked claims (and any claims depending therefrom or otherwise containing all limitations of the allowable linking claim) be withdrawn pursuant to MPEP 809.

The amendments proposed herein are made solely to expedite prosecution of various embodiments of the invention. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute one or more cancelled claims or any subject matter enabled by the instant specification in one or more continuing applications.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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